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Dear CT PHC Testimony,

Dear Senator Gerratana, Representative Johnson, and esteemed members of the Public Health Committee:

I write to ask you to strongly support and vote in the affirmative to add bill language for the modernization of the CT Naturopathic physician scope of practice to HB 5537. The language needs to be attached to this bill so it can come before the Public Health Committee for consideration. This Naturopathic scope of practice law is 90 years old and has not kept pace with the significant advances in education and training of Naturopathic doctors in the ensuing decades.

Through the years, I have found naturopathic means of treating an excellent first line of defense for many everyday things. Much more critical though, as a patient with a chronic and life-threatening illness, naturopathic medicine has become a crucial part of my treatment.

My combined use of naturopathic and allopathic medicine to treat my disease has produced health results far exceeding the expectations of any medical practitioner. My recovery and relative good health in the face of a disease that should have disabled or killed me can not be explained by one modality of treatment alone, and I am convinced it is a combination of approaches that has allowed my personal miracle. My wish is that every patient has access to and the ability to utilize the same options.

Thank you for your support and consideration.

Sincerely,  
Colleen Brunetti